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INFO AMCONSUL OSAKA KOBE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJECT: WORLD TANKER TRADE

REF: STATE 247028

1. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING ASCERTAIN BEST SOURCES OF INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL. PARTIAL INFO AVAILABLE FROM JAPAN SHIP-OWNERS ASSOCIATION (JSA), WHOSE MEMBERS REPORT (A) NAME OF TANKER, (B) PORT AND DATE OF ORIGIN, (C) ESTIMATED ATE OF ARRIVAL IN JAPAN, AND (D) TONNAGE OF CRUDE OIL CARRIED. SPECIFIC PORT OF DISCHARGE IN JAPAN AND NAMES OF CON-SIGNEES NOT AVAILABLE. JSA WILLING PROVIDE EMBASSY FOREGOING DATA EXCEPT NAME OF VESSEL WHICH IT CONSIDERS TO BE PRIVILEGED COMMERCIAL INFORMATION. JSA ALSO WOULD WANT ASSURANCE THAT DATA WOULD BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE BY USG. DATA, HOWEVER, IS INCOMPLETE SINCE IT COVERS ONLY CRUDE CARRIED IN MEMBERS' OWN OR CHARTERED VESSELS. ACCORDING TO JSA OFFICIAL, DATA WOULD ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF TOTAL CRUDE LANDED IN JAPAN. OFFICIAL ALSO INDICATED THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS POINTS OF DISCHARGE FOR CRUDE OIL IN JAPAN, PRINCIPAL ONES BEING NEAR RE-FINERIES. AMONG JAPANESE PORTS MENTIONED REFTEL, HE SAID ONLY CHIBA IS MAJOR DISCHARGE POINT. OTHERS ARE MIZUSHIMA, WAKAYAMA, YOKKAICHI (NEAR NAGOYA), TOKUYAMA, AND KIIRE (NEAR KAGOSHIMA).

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2. WE HAVE ALSO ASKED MITI WHETHER IT HAS DATA REQUESTED.  
OFFICIAL STATED THAT MITI IN PROCESS OF COMPILING DATA,  
WHICH APPARENTLY COVERS INFO REQUESTED REFTEL. IN  
RESPONSE TO STRONG EMBOFF PITCH THAT MITI MAKE DATA  
AVAILABLE TO EMBOFF, HE PROMISED SEEK CLEARANCE FROM  
HIS SUPERIORS. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP AND REPORT.  
SHOESMITH

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